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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on Representative John V. Lindsay's
Article in the March 1964 Issue of **ESQUIRE**
Magazine

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DCI dated 6 February 1964.
Subject: Representative John V. Lindsay

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. This article contains nothing basically new in that it is largely an edited version of Lindsay's floor speech of 15 August 1963. Copy of the article is attached as Tab A. More than half of the words are verbatim extracts and a goodly portion of the remainder expresses some of the same points of the floor speech in slightly different words. Rather than rehash some of the same points discussed in the referenced memorandum, we have attempted to list and comment only on the high spots which are different than the floor speech. Also attached as Tab B is a short discussion of each paragraph by comparison with the floor speech.
3. The new parts are mainly concerned with the South Vietnam situation which occurred after his floor speech. Whereas, in the floor speech Lindsay quoted liberally from Harry Ransom's book, **CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY**, and the Saulc and Meyer book, **THE CUBAN INVASION**, the **ESQUIRE** article avoids any quotation from either. There are no substantive new points in the **ESQUIRE** article.

4. In the floor speech he merely refers to the Iranian affair in 1953 and the overthrow of the Arbenz regime in Guatemala. In the **ESQUIRE** article he concedes the benefit of both of these using the following statements: "The successful coup which unseated Mossadeqh was of great benefit to the United States and the West." Referring to the overthrow of the Arbenz regime, Lindsay states: "But for the success of that coup, Soviet-directed communism in Latin America would presumably be far more deeply entrenched than it is today."

5. In the **ESQUIRE** article, Lindsay tones down his earlier accusations that CIA is a policymaking body by such phrases as: "the criticism most frequently heard," "the charge has been made," and "it has been alleged." On the other hand, in the floor speech, he directly and forcefully accuses CIA of making policy. For example, he stated: "To say that CIA is in no sense a policymaking body is to say something that is palpably untrue."

6. Two sentences in the **ESQUIRE** article which are new and were not in the floor speech are curious errors of fact and judgment:

a. In connection with his discussion of the intelligence community he states: "The daily chore of coordinating and cross-checking daily intelligence data is largely in the hands of the Defense Intelligence Agency."

b. In his floor discussion of the existing Subcommittees, Lindsay indicated that the members had too little time to devote to the Agency and stated that the surveillance exercised by them is "both cursory and sporadic." He also stated that "congressional surveillance of the intelligence community is not now adequate." In the **ESQUIRE** article, Lindsay makes the same general points about the existing four Subcommittees but in addition makes a statement which will certainly not endear him to the members of the CIA Subcommittees. That statement is:

"The reasons for the lack of adequate check and examination are almost self-evident: the members of the four subcommittees themselves, by definition, have relatively low status. But even had those subcommittees both status and time, the difficulties involved in dividing jurisdiction among the four would, I think, be insuperable."

7. In the **ESQUIRE** article, in the course of discussing the four Subcommittees, Lindsay admits that intelligence officials would certainly not deny the Subcommittees knowledge if they asked for it. He says:

"Not even the most experienced and security-conscious officials in the intelligence community would deny the subcommittees--had they time to apply for it--access to the pertinent information that might enable them conscientiously to provide the vast sums of money that are requested year after year."

8. It is interesting that in those places where Lindsay has rephrased his points from the floor speech he has rather consistently deleted CIA and in its stead inserted the "Intelligence community."

9. Further work is going on through the Task Force and individual efforts of CI Staff, Paul Chretien, and this office to gather any possible information which will shed light on the origins of Lindsay's thoughts and phrases.

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Tab A
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